Crisis and Risk Communication for ESF 8



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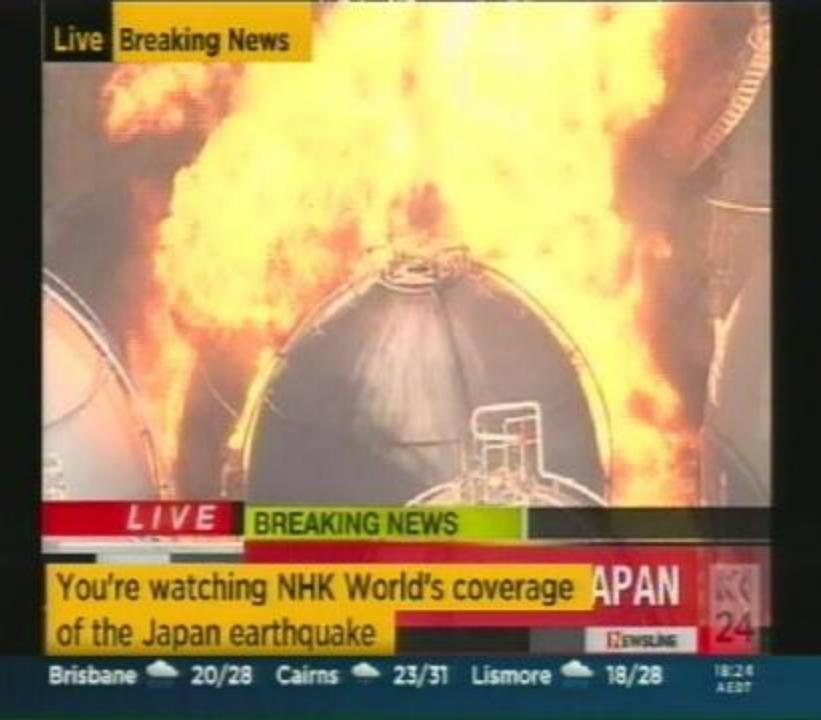
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Objectives

- Explain the role of Public Health's Communications
 Team during emergency activation
- Describe risk communication strategies that will increase credibility and trust
- Discuss strategies for coordinating key messages
 and collaboration on communication efforts



Speak first(-ish).



<u>iseattle</u> @iseattle

Probably see choppers but only 1 hurt per scanner RT @CDNews: HazMat responds to chemical spill at 60 th and Jackson **1RETWEET**



KIRO 7 @KIRO7Seattle

E Jackson hazmat: Chemicals mixed in an X-ray lab affected 4 workers; 1 hospitalized as a precaution http://kiro.tv

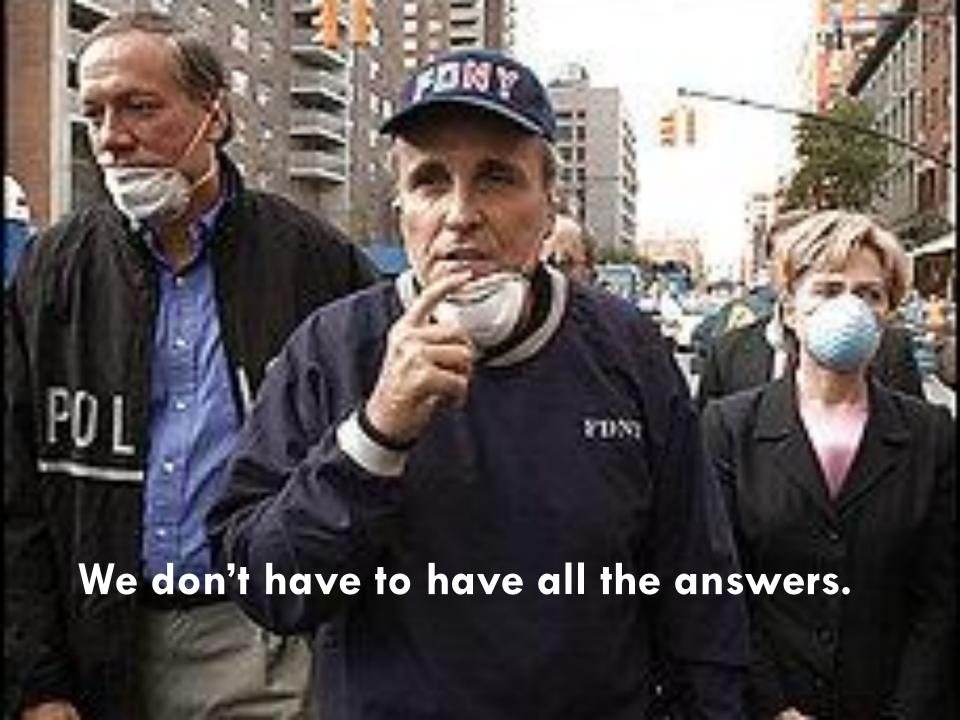
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Q13 FOX News @Q13FOX



SFD say hazmat call was employees mixing x-ray chemicals at dental lab. 1 sent to hospital. No one else injured. http://q13fox/news







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To: Public Health

From: XXXX

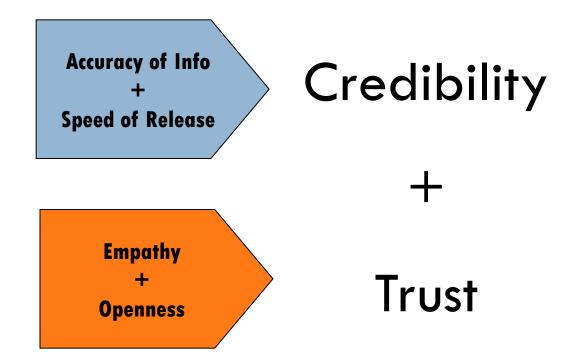
Subject: Public Health – H1N1

...The distribution of this latest round of vaccines was extremely unfair to my child – a 22 month old. We tried to go to the ONLY pharmacy offering the vaccine for her age group and could not get in...This allocation was just so extremely unfair for my child and all others in the under 2 age group. I pray she does not get sick despite my best efforts to get her vaccinated.

Hello XXXX,

Please know that we are all frustrated with the limited amounts of vaccine available due to the national shortage. The supplies we have in the community aren't enough to meet the demand right now, so it's a challenge for many to find vaccine. I personally share your frustration as I have also had difficulty finding vaccine for my child...

How messages are judged



Stay consistent

Is what I'm saying...





..the same as what I'm saying...

..and the same as what I'm saying?

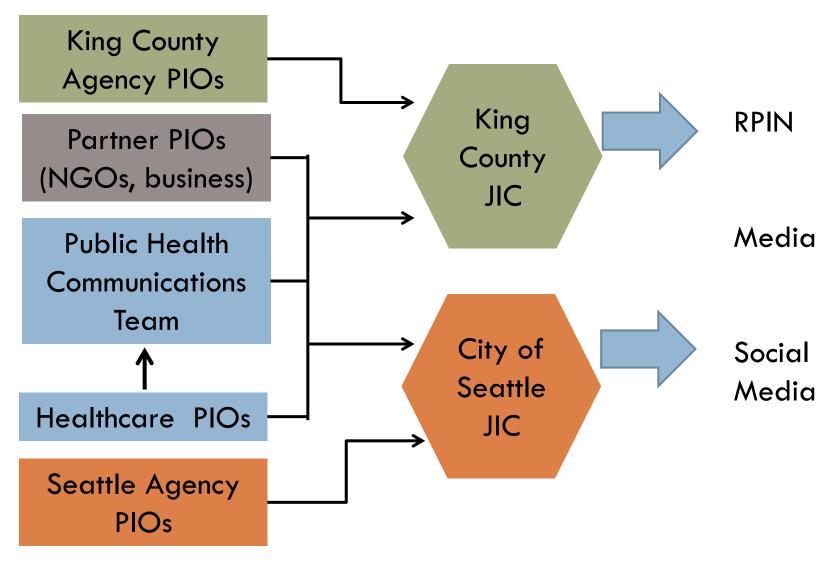


Coordinating our message

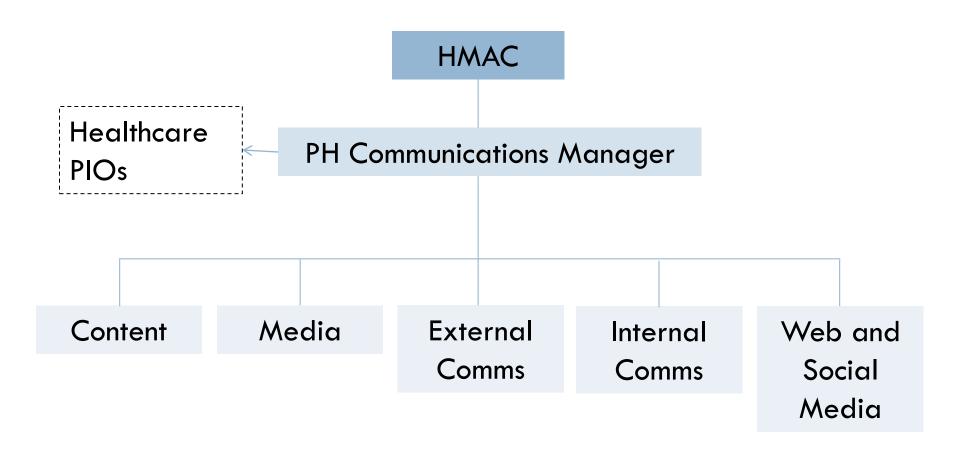
Public Health Communications Team will

- Email alerts to healthcare public information officers (PIOs)
- Convene conference calls with healthcare PIOs
- Share key message documents

Connecting with the Joint Information Centers (JICs)



Public Health Communications Team



Key Messages from Public Health

- Health and safety concerns
- HMAC activities
- Confirmed fatalities
- □ ESF-8 system response



Healthcare Communications

Healthcare PIOs will always speak for their own facilities' operations, policies, and response.

How healthcare PIOs can support ESF-8 communications:

- Share status updates
- Provide spokespeople and on-site PIOs

Communications materials from Public Health



Reaching Everyone

Public Health

Website Call Center **News Media** Social Media **Community Based** Organizations Faith Organizations Ethnic Media Social Media Flyers/posters **Health Educators** Schools/childcare Healthcare Providers

Goal: Whole Community

Moving forward

Continue to work on best mechanisms for sharing information

 Determine how to handle inquiries from families and loved ones

Questions?